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1. EMBASSY DISCUSSED ON OCTOBER 19 SOVIET OBJECTIONS TO
IWC DECISIONS WITH FRODE NILSEN OF FOREIGN MINISTRY AND
REQUESTED PARALLEL NORWEGIAN ACTION ALONG LINES OF PRO-
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POSED U.S. DEMARCHE TO SOVIETS.

2. NILSEN SAID NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT WAS STILL CONSIDERING REQUEST OF EMBASSY FOR ACTION PARALLEL TO THAT OF U.S. ON JAPANESE OBJECTIONS. EMBASSY REQUEST FOR PARALLEL ACTION VIS-A-VIS SOVIETS WOULD BE CRANKED INTO THESE CONSIDERATIONS. HE HOPED TO HAVE ANSWER SHORTLY.

3. NILSEN REPEATED THAT NORWAY HAD RESERVATIONS AT TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF IWC ABOUT WISDOM OF STRINGENCY OF CONSERVATION MEASURES AND THEIR ACCEPTABILITY TO JAPAN AND USSR. NORWAY HAD NOT BEEN APPROACHED BY EITHER JAPAN OR USSR ABOUT THEIR OBJECTIONS TO IWC DECISIONS, AND HE DOUBTED UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES THAT NORWAY WOULD WISH INJECT ITSELF DIRECTLY INTO MATTER ON SIDE OF U.S. IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY ARGUMENT THAT STRONG ACTION REQUIRED IF MEANINGFUL CONSERVATION MEASURES ARE TO BE ENACTED, NILSEN TROTTED OUT FAMILIAR ARGUMENT THAT SUCH ACTION COULD DRIVE JAPANESE AND SOVIETS OUT OF IWC AND MAKE IWC LESS RATHER THAN MORE EFFECTIVE CONSERVATION ORGAN.

3. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT PARALLEL NORWEGIAN ACTIONS ARE UNLIKELY. WHILE NORWAY APPEARS TO LEAN TOWARD U.S. POSITION, IT ALSO APPEARS TO FANCY ITSELF AS MEDIATOR BETWEEN U.S. ON ONE HAND AND JAPAN AND USSR ON THE OTHER. FURTHER EFFORTS TO PRESSURE NORWEGIANS INTO TAKING SIDES AT THIS TIME ARE UNLIKELY TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

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